

Joondalup Schools STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS POLICY

Policy

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose.

It is important to note that it is not a requirement at Joondalup Schools for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Joondalup Schools recognises that an increasing number of parents/carers who for safety, security and/or emergency purposes wish to provide their children with mobile phones. This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted at Joondalup Schools.

Conditions of Use

- The use of mobile phones for all students will be banned from the time they arrive at school to the conclusion of the school day. This includes before school and at break times. Students are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day.
- Mobile phones must be switched off and handed to the classroom teacher before the commencement of the school day. Students can collect their mobile phone at the end of the school day. The classroom teacher will clearly identify and secure the students mobile phone.
- Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day. Staff can ask children if 'aeroplane mode' is enabled.

Exemptions and Communication

- An exemption to this ban is where a student requires a mobile phone to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan.
- While at Joondalup Schools, students are the responsibility of the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.

Breaches of this Policy

- Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the *School Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures*.
- Students who do not comply with this policy will have their mobile phone confiscated and held at the administration office. The parent/carer will be informed and advised that the phone will be returned at the end of the day and that a first offence has been noted.
- If there is a repeated occurrence where the mobile phone is confiscated and a parent/ carer is required to collect the mobile phone from the school. The student will also lose a Good Standing point. The loss of three Good Standing points means that the student will face loss of privileges.

Further Guidance

For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.